

Hot off the press: *WorldECR's* long-awaited guide to sanctions in Europe

WorldECR is delighted to announce the publication of a new guide, ***Sanctions in Europe***. Over 264 pages written by some of Europe's leading sanctions practitioners, *Sanctions in Europe* provides readers with a thorough overview of the implementation of sanctions policy and restrictive measures in the Member States of the European Union plus Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine and the UK.

Part 1 of the book is an introduction to the EU's formulation of sanctions, the respective roles of the main organs of the Union and general obligations of Member States, with information on

The European Union sanctions framework

- Sanctions as a tool of the EU's Common Foreign and security Policy – the legal basis of EU sanctions
- EU autonomous sanctions
- Meaning and interpretation of key provisions
- Different types of EU sanctions (travel bans, asset freezes, arms embargoes)
- Licensing for otherwise prohibited activities and exemptions
- Lifting EU sanctions – challenge cases

Part 1 continues with chapters on enforcement and penalties, guidance on enforcement, and good practice for investigations.

Part 2 comprises specific Country Chapters, each describing the implementation of sanctions within that country, detailing key regulatory agencies (with contact details) and proceeding to look at sanctions practice and policy in greater depth.

Each country chapter considers

Key government agencies responsible for

- Implementing sanctions policy
- Licensing sanctionable activities

Implementation and the law

- The legislation by which sanctions law is implemented in that country
- The sections or paragraphs in which key features are to be found
- Autonomous sanctions legislation (i.e., not derived from EU or UN law)
- Specific power granted to regulatory authorities
- Industry-specific provisions or guidance
- Licensing arrangements
- Voluntary disclosure
- Other particular sanctions issues to be aware of – e.g., specific boycotts or embargoes

Enforcement and penalties

- What penalties are on the statute books?
- What is the situation in practice?
- Are sanctions vigorously enforced in the jurisdiction?
- Some examples of enforcement actions where they are available.

'Practical helpmate'

Tom Blass, editor of *WorldECR*, commented on the publication of the guide, saying, 'We are delighted to have been able to work with some of Europe's leading sanctions lawyers in the preparation of this guide. I'm sure that it will be of great use to the increasing number of companies – and individuals – who need a practical helpmate for navigating today's very active sanctions environment.'

Writing in her foreword to the guide, Maya Lester QC notes: 'It is a practical guide as to how sanctions operate in different jurisdictions in Europe, written by experienced local experts ... Books gathering essential information across these different jurisdictions are very welcome.'

Diego Pol, Co-Head Compliance Europe, at law firm Dentons, who has contributed to the book, said, 'A guide like this is a "must have" for any GC and (trade) Compliance officer who needs to navigate the complex sanctions laws of different jurisdictions and deal with the local competent authorities.'



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Country chapters

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| Austria | Greece | Poland |
| Belgium | Hungary | Romania |
| Bulgaria | Ireland | Slovak Republic |
| Croatia | Italy | Slovenia |
| Cyprus | Latvia | Spain |
| Czech Republic | Lithuania | Sweden |
| Denmark | Luxembourg | Switzerland |
| Estonia | Malta | Ukraine |
| Finland | The Netherlands | United Kingdom |
| France | Norway | |
| Germany | Portugal | |

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